

**Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)**

Friday, April 25, 2008
7:00–8:30 a.m.

**Burien Interim City Hall, Shared Conference Room
15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW**

Members Present: Harvey Aulgur, Mary Averett, Rick Cosgrave, David Elliott, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget

Excused Absentees: Nancy Damon, Bob Ewing, Karen Lautermilch

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager Office; Chip Davis, Planner, Community Development

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton; Councilmembers Kathy Keene and Sue Blazak; Patty Sader, Director, Discover Burien

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

Minutes from March 28, 2008, were approved as written.

Chair's Report–Michael Goldsmith

Michael's comments are around a discussion later on the schedule, so he will hold them for now.

City Manager's Report (Including Q& A)–Mike Martin

Mike provided a brief update on city happenings. He mentioned that building permits for both the City Hall/Library and the Highline Medical Center's expansion project were issued this week. The last lift of asphalt will go on First Avenue S. by early June. We hope that City Light's work will be done by the first part of June as well.

Q. Michael Goldsmith inquired how the City's Good to Great Campaign is going. **A.** Mike indicated that about half the staff participated in a behaviors-identification activity for supporting each of the values set out by the Leadership Team. Suggested behaviors were presented at the All Staff meeting on Wednesday this week, and all employees will vote on them to narrow down the most important behaviors under each value. Eventually, staff will sign off on them. These behaviors and values will then be imbedded into our processes of hiring, evaluating, disciplining, and rewarding employees.

Discover Burien Report–Doug Moreland/Patty Sader

Patty Sader is now the Executive Director of Discover Burien. The word "Interim" was removed from her title. Patty is now working with a Spanish Interpreter to speak with Latino businesses. Discover Burien is also having their newsletter translated into Spanish. Clean Sweep is April 26 from 8 AM – 1PM. The Farmer's Market begins May 8th. Discover Burien is moving their office on May 2nd. It will be located at 650 SW 150th Street. Patty announced the following

upcoming events: The Bloomin Burien Plant Sale is May 9 & 10th & the Food Art and Wine Stroll is May 10th. The Father's Day Car Show and chili cook off will be June 15th; the next Discover Burien members networking event is May 28, 6-8 PM at Prudential NW. In July, the networking event will take place at EB Foote winery.

Economic Manager Report–Dick Loman

Dick gave a brief overview of the Seattle Southside's Promotional Forum event. This event was put together to promote Southwest King County, and the real estate opportunities that exist in this area. Dan Rosenfeld was the keynote speaker. Mayor McGilton was there and introduced Dan Rosenfeld. Todd Carden of Elliott Bay Brewery & Pub came and spoke at the Southside Forum, and people really enjoyed his presentation. About 200 people attended the event. At the end of the formal presentations, there was a bus tour. It was a tour of various real estate projects in several cities. We received a lot of positive comments about the event. SKCEDI is talking about doing one of these things every year or two. Nobody else is promoting southwest King County. King County's economic development department is being dismantled. This will have some impact on the south end, particularly north Highline.

Discussion on Formalizing the BEDP's Position on Annexation.

Mike showed BEDP members the annexation option that he had recommended to Council on Monday night. Besides the recommended option (4), the option of "no annexation" is still available to Council. Mike would like the BEDP to formalize their thoughts regarding annexation and present their recommendation to Council. The Annexation subcommittee will meet Tuesday, May 6th, and bring a recommendation back to the full group at the May 9 meeting.

Q. If we don't annex the entire area, are we still eligible to receive money from the County to help offset capital costs? **A.** The County has \$7.3 million that they are offering for annexation of north highline. They may tell us they won't give us the money if our future doesn't include the full annexation of the north highline area. If they do tell us that, Council will have to decide whether to proceed with no County money.

Financially, this annexation is a wash, from an operational standpoint due to economy of scale. However, we do estimate about \$66 million in capital improvements are needed in the north highline area.

Q. What happens if council goes ahead with this recommendation? **A.** The Boundary Review Board gets to decide whether the annexation makes sense.

Q. What's the chance that you set these boundaries in stone, and then someone wants to change it. Can you be forced to expand the annexation? **A.** Suggestions can be made, but we can't be forced to take on the whole area.

Q. Is it correct that only people who live in the area being annexed get to vote? **A.** Yes.

Concerns were voiced about whether the Council is looking at annexing the entire area at some point in the future. Mike said that it doesn't make any fiscal sense to do so at this time. He won't recommend it. He said it may be conceivable that it makes fiscal sense at some point in the future, but that it is not a part of this annexation decision.

It was decided that due to the timeliness of the annexation issue, it will be the topic of the study session on May 9th. Mike stressed that the Council gets to decide yes or no regarding annexation, but that the BEDP has all the options available to them as to their recommendation to Council.

Finalizing the Schedule for Future Study Sessions

Council made the following three suggestions to include in our work program for this year:

- Ø Work with Arts Commission on aesthetic master plan – what are the implications for economic development?
- Ø Review the Economic Development Component of the Comprehensive Plan
- Ø Sustainability – what are the economic implications?

Future Agenda–Partnership

(5 minutes)

Parks people -- Arts Commission; how can the two organizations work together productively; Parks is willing to work with us.

Round the Table

Mark Minium – Voiced concerns of the six local car dealers in regard to any tax-base changes that might occur with annexation. Mark also mentioned that he was disappointed with the level of recognition provided for the sponsorships he's given this last year for Arts & Parks.

Harvey Aulgur – Recognizes that the great majority of his income comes from car dealers who refer clients to him; Burien needs to support them and their contributions. Congratulations to Jim Hughes on the winning of the Robbie award, and the nice write-up that appeared in the Highline Times.

Michael Goldsmith – Michael mentioned that the parking striping on 153rd is outdated. The lines are too long and more cars could be accommodated if it was restriped. Michael would like to get the schedule a bit more set for the future to make sure the Partnership is engaged.

Dick Loman –Take a look at the article Mayor McGilton had us forward regarding Vision 2040. Please take a look at the Hyett Palma Report that was completed about 10 years ago now in anticipation of discussing the Economic Development portion of the Comprehensive Plan. We have achieved 8 out of 9 items that they recommended.

Dick would like to have a change made in the City's graffiti ordinance to make response time be quicker. It has been shown that the only thing that keeps tagging from occurring is the quick removal of it. He would also like the BEDP to consider the idea of changing 152nd Street to Main Street. He would like to bring both of these issues to future study sessions to get the BEDP's input.

Next Meeting May 9, 2008, 7:00 a.m.–INTERIM CITY HALL